

application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions” (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has clearly failed to provide a prima facie showing of a serious burden by failing to provide “by appropriate explanation of separate classification, or separate status in the art, or a different field of search” (M.P.E.P. § 803).

Applicants respectfully submit that the policy requiring examination of an entire application even though it may include distinct inventions, should be applied in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

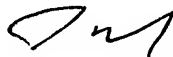
Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney’s Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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